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MEXICO FOR AMBASSADOR JOVA AND PASS TO AMBASSADOR VANCE

GENEVA FOR B. GOUGH

1. MEXICO HAS REPEATEDLY REQUESTED THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF
THE U.S. FOR ITS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF U.N. COMMISSION
ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND) AT THE NEXT SESSION, FEBRUARY 1976.
UNDER CND RULES OF SUCCESSION, CND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT,
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A SOVIET, IS NEXT IN LINE FOR PRESIDENT. (SWEDEN'S SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND CANADA'S RAPPORTEUR WOULD, ACCORDING TO THE RULES, ALSO ADVANCE ONE POSITION.) MEXICO HAS REQUESTED THE USSR TO WITHDRAW ITS CANDIDATE IN FAVOR OF MEXICO.

2. FYI: WE HAVE HEARD THE USSR HAS VERBALLY ADVISED THE GOM THAT IT WOULD WITHDRAW ITS CND CANDIDATE IN FAVOR OF THE GOM'S CANDIDATE, MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA, WITH THE QUALIFICATION THAT NO OTHER CND MEMBER OBJECTS. END FYI.

3. WE REQUEST THAT YOU SEEK CLARIFICATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE STATUS OF THE GOM REQUEST TO THE USSR ON

THIS ISSUE AND SPECIFICALLY CONFIRM THE USSR NOW INTENDS TO DIRECT ITS CND DELEGATION TO URGE THE CND STEERING COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE MEXICAN CANDIDATE. FYI: THE ACTUAL DETERMINATION OF WHO WILL BE ELECTED TO THE CND OFFICES IS MADE AT AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CND STEERING COMMITTEE THE EVENING BEFORE THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION. END FYI.

4. IF THE USSR POSITION IS TO SUPPORT THE MEXICAN CANDIDACY AND SPECIFICALLY URGE THE SUPPORT OF THE CND STEERING COMMITTEE, WE WILL CONSIDER PROMOTING ACTIVELY THE GOM CANDIDATE PRIOR TO THE CND MEETING.

5. FYI: THE MEXICAN NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IS THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT IN OUR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE EFFORT. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS DEMONSTRATED NEW COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON U.S.-MEXICAN EFFORTS TO CONTAIN AND SUPPRESS HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUGS BY PROPOSING PARALLEL DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL COMMISSIONS IN EACH COUNTRY. HIS LETTER ON THIS TO PRESIDENT FORD CURRENTLY AWAITS REPLY. WE ARE ENTERING THE CRITICAL STAGE OF THE CURRENT INTENSIFIED ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION CAMPAIGN IN MEXICO. AMBASSADOR VANCE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CCINC WILL BEGIN PLANNING SESSIONS TO DEVELOP THE PROPOSED COMMISSIONS ON JANUARY 23. THE GOM WOULD WELCOME U.S. ACTIONS AT THIS TIME THAT COULD ASSIST ITS CANDIDACY
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FOR THE CND PRESIDENCY. ALSO, AS WE WORK WITH THE MEXICANS ON THE ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION PROGRAM, A VARIETY OF FRICTION POINTS ARISE AS WE PUSH THEM TO DO MORE AND MORE. IF WE CAN BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON THE CND CHAIRMANSHIP ISSUE WHICH MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO THE MEXICANS, IT WILL MEAN MUCH IN OVERSHADOWING THOSE FRIC-TIONS AND THUS INSURE OUR PROGRAM. THIS WILL BE ACCOM-

PLISHED IN GOOD MEASURE IF WE CAN OPENLY SUPPORT THE
MEXICANS EVEN IF THEY DO NOT RECEIVE THE ELECTION.
BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL CND ELECTION PROCEDURES, WE WOULD
NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO OPENLY SUPPORT THE MEXICANS WITHOUT
HAVING CONFIRMATION OF THE PRESENT SOVIET POSITION. END
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